



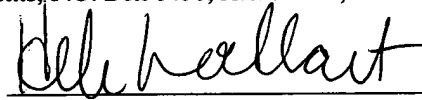
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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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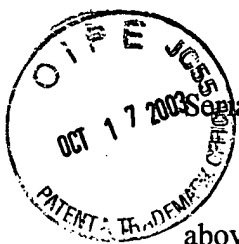
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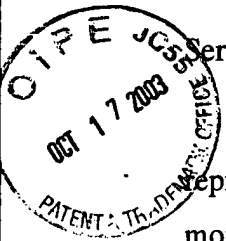
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The above-identified U.S. application is a divisional application of United States Patent Application No. 09/374,902. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of USSN 09/374,902, then he/she is asked to contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of same.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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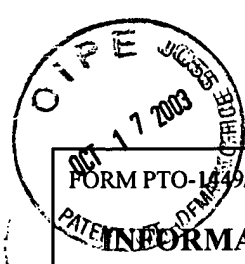
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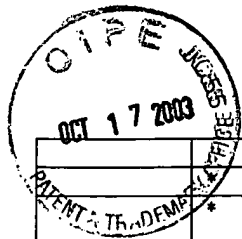
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